

## Message Text

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R 250800Z APR 78  
FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 211  
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 0477

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR MILI LA VM  
SUBJECT: REPORTED LAO-VIETNAMESE CLASH IN SAYABOURY

1. A WESTERN DIPLOMATIC SOURCE TOLD US APRIL 25 THAT HIS EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED A REPORT OF A CLASH BETWEEN LAO GOVERNMENT (LPLA) TROOPS AND VIETNAMESE FORCES NEAR THE MEKONG RIVER EAST OF SAYABOURY TOWN.

2. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE CLASH TOOK PLACE OVER THE LAO NEW YEAR HOLIDAY PERIOD (APRIL 12 TO 15). THE LAO SOLDIERS HAD DEMANDED THAT THE VIETNAMESE FLY THE LAO FLAG OVER THE VIETNAMESE ENCAMPMENT ALONG WITH THE SRV FLAG. THE VIETNAMESE HAD REFUSED, SHOTS WERE EXCHANGED, AND A GENERAL FIREFIGHT ENSUED.

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